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Mayors Promote Live in Peace Events to Curb Violence

Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr. and City of Memphis Mayor AC Wharton, Jr. are promoting an upcoming initiative to prevent crime and keep neighborhoods as safe as possible.

The "Live in Peace" initiative is sponsored by the Stop the Killing and FFUN (Freedom From Unnecessary Negatives) organizations. Their founder, Stevie Moore, started the community action groups after his son was murdered ten years ago on Memorial Day.

"My 26-year-old son, Prentice, was killed May 26th, 2003, as he sat in a car at a southeast Memphis gas station. Since then, my wife and I have dedicated ourselves to promote peace and non-violence in our community. We so appreciate Mayor Luttrell and Mayor Wharton for urging citizens to take part in the anti-crime events," said Moore.

The mayors will promote the *Live in Peace* events at the Civic Center Plaza in front of Memphis City Hall on Friday, May 3rd, at 3:30 p.m.

Starting Friday, April, 19th, children from 9-17 years of age can submit poems, essays, compose music, paint pictures or perform a dance to the theme, *It's Up 2 Me-How to Live in Peace*. One grand prize winner will receive \$250. Entry and contest rules are available by going online to ffunsaveyouth.org or calling the *FFUN-Stop the Killing* office at **901.527.3149**. The contest ends on May 19th at 5:00 p.m.

Other programs include:

- May 27th, *Live in Peace Vigil*, Levitt Shell at Overton Park, 12:30 p.m.
- June 2nd, *Live in Peace March*, starts at the Crime Victims Center, 1750 Madison at 9 a.m. and concludes at the *FFUN-Stop the Killing* headquarters at 672 Marshall Avenue

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- June 3rd, 5:30 p.m., symposium on youth violence intervention methods, Bickford Community Center, 233 Henry
- June 5th, 5:30 p.m., forum on crime, St. John's Episcopal Church, 3245 Church Central Avenue
- June 6th, 11:00 a.m. winner of *Live in Peace* mural art contest displayed at *FFUN-Stop the Killing* headquarters at 672 Marshall Avenue
- June 7th, Live in Peace Choir Concert 6:00 p.m., location to be announced later
- June 8th, *Live in Peace Impact Rally*, 11:00 a.m., Convention Center in downtown Memphis

"We appreciate the efforts of the many law enforcement agencies throughout Shelby County that combat crime each day. However, the officers need the help of the public in order to keep our community a safe place to live and work. The *Live in Peace* events will be reminders that crime prevention is everyone's business. We hope representatives of neighborhood associations, churches and other organizations will take part in the programs," added Moore.

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